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## DPHHS SFY 2019 Budget Restoration

### July 25, 2018

Governor Bullock announced that Montana's budget is now in a position – as a result of savings, efficiencies, budget transfers and additional revenues due to changes in the federal tax code – to backfill some cuts from the special session and SB261. The Governor has directed DPHHS to restore the Medicaid provider rate reductions implemented in SB 261. Immediately following the Governor's announcement, DPHHS began the process of drafting administrative rules to increase provider rates.

### July 31, 2018

DPHHS filed proposed rule changes with the secretary of state to raise Medicaid provider rates. The proposed rate increases will reverse across the board Medicaid provider rate reductions implemented in state fiscal year 2018. The provider rate increases are expected to distribute \$5,085,784 of the SB 9 general fund budget restoration over the final 10 months of state fiscal year 2019.

Example: For providers reimbursed with a simple fee, the rule proposes an increase of 3.56% effective September 1, 2018.

DPHHS has posted the draft proposed rules at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/AdministrativeRules>. These drafts are subject to change until the Secretary of State publishes the official version. All referenced fee schedules and rate notices will be available online when the official proposed rules are published and disseminated to interested parties.

### August 1, 2018

DPHHS is holding a listening session on budget priorities. The public is invited to attend this meeting and give their thoughts and suggestions on where the State of Montana should prioritize additional revenue. DPHHS and the Governor's office will use this listening session to help inform next steps on the budget restoration.

### August 30, 2018

DPHHS will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule changes implementing provider rate increases effective September 1, 2018. Written comment on the proposed rules will be accepted until September 7, 2018.

Additional updates will be included as next steps are determined.